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SRI L. C. PAIS :—" Sir, Will the Government see that the privilege of tapping sweet toddy for drinking purpose is extended to South Kanara in the near future? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has just now answered that question."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" It was not audible here. Will the Hon. Chief Minister clarify the position in regard to the tapping of sweet toddy? May I know whether the concession will be extended to South Kanara district, and if so, when and under what conditions?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot go into detailed examination of the matter and give a final answer in the course of an interpellation. The other day I indicated my mind. I said, we shall discuss it with the concerned authorities, consider their views and then give a final answer. Then hon. Members may criticise and make further suggestions, if any."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As Cuddapah district is a famine-stricken area, where there are very few famine relief works, will the Government at least on this ground give special permits to tap sweet toddy in this district?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As I have already explained, the matter has to be reviewed on the recommendations of the local officers."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister for Prohibition says that after looking into the reports of the District Officers he will see whether tapping sweet toddy is to be allowed or not. May I know, Sir, why he does not consider public opinion and allow sweet toddy tapping?" 10-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, may I ask for patience in this matter. There is no use in going on repeating general questions and general answers. I have promised to look into the matter and Cuddapah will not be forgotten."

Fishery research station at Dowleshwaram.

* 134 *Q*.—SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend the Fishery Research Station at Dowleshwaram;

(*b*) what are the various kinds of fish on which research is carried at this station; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to introduce fish like Cirrhina and Rohu and improve the stock? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) No. There is no proposal for the expansion of the Research Station.

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" (b) Hilsa and Rohu.

" (c) Yes."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" Sir, as this question has come after another question on fisheries and a lot of information has been given, I merely want to suggest to the Hon. Minister and the Government to consider extending the Research Station at Dowleshwaram as it is well situated on the Godavari river."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, the question of extending this Station does not arise now. It has been sanctioned up to 31st October 1953. It will go on till then. The question of extending it or not will be considered next year."

SRI KUMARASAMY RAJAH BAHADUR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I just wanted to put a question on Fishery Research Stations but we have now come to another question. Yet, I want to know, Sir, what kind of fish they are going to develop in any tank when there is no water? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, I will then join the hon. Member and request the Hon. Minister for Public Works to give us water."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I know, how is it, Sir, that in spite of researches and increased output the cost of fish remains the same? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, the rate at which fish is sold by this Department is very reasonable."

SRI A. RAMASAMY THEVAR :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister, being a connoisseur of fish, be pleased to state whether he has tasted various kinds of fish and what his considered opinion is? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I must thank the hon. Member for his compliments and I can also recommend him some very good fish."

Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 135 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to stop the construction of two blocks in the New Government Hospital, Kozhikode, as arranged previously;

(b) if so, what are the reasons; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representations regarding this matter and what steps the Government propose to take in this matter? "